

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOV. 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2009**

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2009 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the November 2, 2009 Office Action was due February 2, 2010. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a 3-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. Since May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 falls on a Sunday a response is due the next business day, i.e., May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this response.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this response and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this response.